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WEST VIRGINIA SENATORSHIP.

Contest for the Control of the Legislature This
Year is Expected to Be Close.

For many years, irrespective of local political changes, West Virginia had steadily two Democratic United States Senators. It has now two Republican United States Senators and the term of one, Stephen B. Elkins, expires on March 3, 1917. Mr. Elkins carried West Virginia four years ago by a plurality of 11,500, and Mr. Atkinson, the Republican candidate for Governor, had a like majority in the same year. Both Republicans and Democrats have already made their nominations for Governor this year, the Democrats having nominated Mr. William C. Clegg, and the Republicans Mr. B. White, and it is the general opinion that West Virginia will duplicate in November the record of two years ago in giving a substantial majority for the Republican electoral and State ticket.

The control of the Legislature, however, is in the hands of the Democrats. In the last Legislature having forty-nine Republican and forty-eight Democratic members. Following the election of Senator Scott the contest was taken into the United States Senate on the claim that two of the Republican legislators having resigned to participate in the election of a Senator were disqualified. The control of the Legislature turned upon their votes.

The reason why West Virginia may be in the control of one party on the popular vote and of the other party on the control of the Legislature arises from the peculiar provision in the constitution of the number of representatives at Charleston. The Senate is composed of twenty-six, elected for a term of four years, one-third retiring each year.

No two Senators in a district can be elected from the same county. The House of Delegates is composed of 71 members, apportioned according to the counties on the basis of one delegate for every 10,000 inhabitants. There are fifty-five counties in West Virginia, the total population of which by the last Federal census was 760,000. The counties of Lincoln, Boone, Kanawha, Putnam, State, notably Ohio and Kanawha, which in-

clude the cities of Wheeling and Charleston reported to have been thrown through the window by the other fifty-three counties have 43 delegates or electors, while the other thirty-four for apportionment purposes some of the minor counties are attached to neighboring ones in the choice of delegates. Kanawha has 12 delegates, 10 votes and Kanawha a similar number, and the counties of Boone, Lincoln and Mingo, with about 3,000 electors, where the counties represent counties, which are strongly Democratic, have 12 delegates and 10 votes. The Democratic Party usually have a majority of the House of Delegates and the Republicans are more numerous in the Senate.

Senator Elkins, who has no opposition for re-election, is a Democrat, and has been a long and able Republican leader in the country. He was Secretary of War in the Harrison Administration, and in 1880, in the latter of his early career he was Territorial Representative from Kanawha, and in 1884 he was Democratic candidate for the Senate, if the Democrats get control of the Charleston Legislature, is expected to be elected. He has been an active Democratic politician for a number of years and he was caucus nominee before he was elected to the Senate. He has the title to his seat the Senate sustained. McGraw is 40 years of age. Elkins is 53.

HOW TOWNE TOOK IT.

Coalition to the Populist Cause.
White Democrats Strong for Adlai.

How Mr. Charles Towne, Populist candidate for Vice-President on the ticket with Bryan

took his defeat in Kansas City has not been told, for the reason that only Mr. Towne and a telegraph operator and one other were in the room at the time. It was at the Coates House. The roll was being called on candidates for Vice-President in the Convention

Hall. The telegraph operator in the room at the Coates House was alone, taking the vote for his own amusement. Another man was in the room reading. Mr. Towne walked into the room with his thumbs in the broad sash around his waist and asked if there was any

WHO OWNS THE PINTA?

Cutter Yacht Found Half-Capized in Gravesend Bay.

Capt. Gully of the steamer Isabelle found the 40-foot cutter yacht Pinta half capized in Gravesend Bay off Bay Nineteenth street.

yesterday morning. The anchor and the top-sail were missing from the yacht. In the cabin the Captain found a suit of black clothes, some underclothing and a lot of cooking utensils. There was nothing, however, to show the name of the owner of the yacht. Capt. Gully took an anchor from the Isabelle and anchored the yacht. Then he notified the police. They

called up all the yacht clubs along Gravesend Bay, but could get no clue to the owner. If an owner does not claim the yacht to-day it will be taken to Tebo's basin in South Brooklyn and placed in storage.

ESTATE OF THE FIRST J. J. ASTOR.

Grandson's Grandson Made an Executor 52 Years After Probate of the Will.

William Waldorf Astor and Charles A. Penbody, as executors of the will of John Jacob Astor, probated in 1848, have asked Surrogate

Thomas to approve their selection of Waldorf Astor, son of William Waldorf Astor, as one of the executors. The petitioners set forth that by the terms of the will of John Jacob Astor it is provided that when the executors are reduced to two those two shall have the power to appoint a third. The petition does not state how much of the estate still remains for administration.

ing of the estate still remains for administration. This John Jacob Astor was the first of the name in this country and the new executor is the grandson of the first John Jacob's grandson, John Jacob

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